

The Director of Central Intelligence

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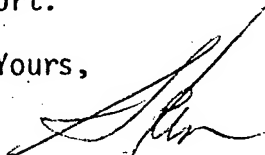
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Dear

Thanks ever so much for your letter of congratulations on my assignment as Director of Central Intelligence. I am pleased that your initial apprehension on my appointment has been dispelled. In point of fact, I did not weigh the merits of this job with any other - I simply said "Aye aye" to the Commander-in-Chief. I am glad I did. This is a stimulating and challenging assignment--and a challenge I look forward to.

Again, thanks and best wishes. Do appreciate your interest and support.

Yours,



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